23: Acuña--155-156 T-3 (1639) 1698 Tupinamba
116, 131, 167, 174, 177

"Twenty eight Leagues below the River Cayari, as we [EJ: The exploratory party traveling down the Amazon] continued our Course on the Amazone on the South-side, we arriv'd at [156] a great Island 60 Leagues in breadth, and consequently above 200 Leagues in compass. This whole Island is peopled with the valiant Toupinambous, who when Brazil was conquer'd, voluntarily exil'd themselves from their Country, choosing rather to quit all the Province of Fernambuco than to lose their Liberty, and to submit themselves to the severe Government of the Portuguez: They left above 84 great Villages where they had planted themselves, and came away so universally, that there was not one living Soul left in all their Houses. They took their way on the left-hand of those great Mountains call'd Cordeliers, which begin at the Strait of Magellan, and cross through all Southern America, from North to South. They pass'd all the Rivulets and Rivers that descend from those Mountains to discharge themselves into the Ocean. Some of 'em came as far as Peru, and dwelt with the Spaniards towards the Source of the River Cayari: they continued with 'em some time; but a Spaniard having caus'd one of 'em to be whipp'd for killing a Cow, they could not put up this Injury, but resolv'd all to be gone; and making use of the Advantage of the River, they all embark'd in their Canoos and went down it as far as this great Island, where they now dwell."

23: Acuña--156-157 T-3 (1639) 1698 Tupinamba-
116, 197

"They speak the general Language of Brazil, [EJ: i.e., Tupi-Guarani] which extends [157] through all the Country that the Portuguez have conquer'd as far as Maragnon and Para."

23: Acuña--157 T-3 (1639) 1698 Tupinamba
116, 167, 173

"They told us, that when their Fathers left Brazil, not knowing how to get sustenance all together in the Desarts through which they were to pass, they were constrain'd during a March of above 900 Leagues to separate by reason of their multitude, so that some went one way, and some another; and by this means all the Mountains of Peru call'd the Cordeliers are peopled with the Toupinambous. This is a very brave and valiant Nation of Indians, as they made themselves appear to be to the people whom they found in this Island, where they are at present establish'd. For in all appearance these Toupinambous were very few in comparison of the Inhabitants of this Island when they arriv'd there, yet 'tis certain they so often beat, and so entirely subdued all those they fought with, that after they had destroy'd whole Nations, they forc'd the rest to leave their Native Country in fear, and to go and plant themselves in very distant Regions."

23: Acuña--157 [2] T-3 (1639) 1698 Tupinamba-
116, 411, 181

"These Warlike Savages use Bows and Arrows with great dexterity, and have so noble a Courage, and Greatness of Mind, that in these Qualities they seem not to come behind the most accomplish'd Nations in Europe."

23: Acuña--157-158 T-3 (1639) 1698 Tupinamba-116, 177

"But tho almost all of 'em [EJ: i.e., the island Tupinamba] are but the Children or Grandchildren of those that came from Brazil into [158] this Island, yet it is to be observ'd that they begin to degenerate from their Ancestors, by the Alliances they contract with those of this Country, and by their accustoming themselves to the manner of living us'd by the original Inhabitants."

23: Acuña--158 T-3 (1639) 1698 Tupinamba
116, 609

"They all receiv'd us with Demonstrations of extraordinary Joy; and let us know, that they thought to resolve in a little time to enter into a Treaty with us, and to put themselves in the number of the Allies and Friends of the People of Para. This Declaration of theirs pleas'd me very much, and made me hope that no small Advantages would accrue to our Nation by it: For if these valiant People once become of our Party, it must needs be an easy matter for us to bring all the other Nations of the River of Amazons to reasonable Terms, since there is none of 'em but tremble at the very Name of the Toupinambous."

23: Acuña--158-160 T-3 (1639) 1698 Tupinamba-
116, 101, 439, 609

"These Toupinambous are a very ingenious and intelligent People; and having no need of Interpreters to treat with them, [159] because (as I have said) they speak the general Language of Brazil, which many of our Portuguez, that have been born and bred there, speak as well as they, we had the Advantage of a very particular Account of divers things, which I am going to relate, and which may be believed on their Report, because they are a People that have rov'd abroad, and subjected all the neighbouring Countries to their Power. They told us, that on the South-side near their Island there are two Nations among others upon the Continent that are very remarkable; one of 'em are Dwarfs as small as little Children, and are called Guayazis, the other is a Race of People that come into the World with their Feet turn'd behind 'em, so that those that are unacquainted with their monstrous Shape, and should follow their Track, would run from 'em instead of overtaking 'em; they are called Matayus, and are tributary to the Toupinambous, whom they are obliged to furnish with Hatchets made of Stone to fell great Trees with, when they have a mind to clear a Piece of Ground; for they frame these Hatchets very neatly, and 'tis their whole business to make of 'em. They told us moreover, that on the other side of the River, that is Northward, there are seven Provinces adjoining one to another, which are very populous; but because they are a Peo- [160] ple but of mean Courage and Strength, and only feed upon Fruits and some small wild Animals, without ever fighting one with another when they are angry, or ever taking up Arms to defend themselves from other Nations, they are of no account in the Country."

23: Acuña--160 T-3 (1639) 1698 Tupinamba-
116, 439, 135, 609

"They further told us, that themselves had been a long time at Peace with another Nation, whose Confines extend to those we have just spoken of, and had a regular Trade with 'em for all Commodities, wherewith either Countrey abounded; and that the principal thing they had from this People was Salt, for which they gave 'em other things in exchange; and that this Salt came from a Place not far distant from 'em."

23: Acuña--161 T-3 (1639) 1698 Tupinamba
116, 131

"This Province of the Toupinambous is sixty six Leagues in length, and ends with a great Town situated at the Latitude of 3 Degrees, as is also the first Town of the Indian Aguas."